

That sentence is worth bearing in mind when reading the letters that follow. For if Mr. Niles spoke the truth when he uttered it then he is a

charge persecuted man, and entirely innocent of the charge for which he was indicted.
Here is the first letter:—

TRADERSMAN'S NATIONAL BANK,
231 BROADWAY, N. Y.
NATHANIEL NILES, President.
OLIVER F. HENRY, Cashier.
June 21, 1893.

My DEAR MADAM:—May I trouble you to call at the bank and to bring with you the papers to show about the \$500 said to appear against the property before the mortgagee?

Mr. Charles is a director in the East River Savings Bank and called on me this morning. With respect,
NATHANIEL NILES.

GETTING ACQUAINTED.

This shows that as a bank president Mr. Niles took quite an interest in Mme. Porret's affairs. But it is only significant when taken in connection with the rest of the correspondence. The same thing may be said of the letter which follows:—

TRADERSMAN'S NATIONAL BANK,
231 BROADWAY, N. Y.
NATHANIEL NILES, President.
OLIVER F. HENRY, Cashier.
June 23, 1893.

DEAR MADAM:—Gladly and Mr. Plafie will be at the bank Friday morning, June 25, at 10:30. Please be here to meet them. With respect,
NATHANIEL NILES.

This next letter indicates that Mr. Niles' acquaintance with Mme. Porret is progressing:—

TRADERSMAN'S NATIONAL BANK,
231 BROADWAY, N. Y.
NATHANIEL NILES, President.
OLIVER F. HENRY, Cashier.
June 25, 1893.

Mrs. E. PORRET, Flemington, N. J.:—
DEAR MADAM:—I thank you for the letter dated on the 25th inst. I am very much pleased with the word "Flora," she is very gentle and I give her rich pastures and good water. I shall keep her. With respect, very truly yours,
NATHANIEL NILES.

TWO STORIES OF A COVER.

Mme. Porret and Mr. Niles tell different stories about this cover. Mme. Porret swears that it was a gift to Mr. Niles, which he accepted as such. Mr. Niles, however, swears that it was a gift to him, given showing that the cover arrived on Mr. Niles' place, at Madison, bedecked with flowers and ribbons. Mme. Porret says that she was very much in fashion when the sending of them is the result of a purely commercial transaction. But that is all Mr. Niles was, according to the sworn explanation of Mr. Niles.

With her husband, Carrard, Mme. Porret has a farm at Flemington, N. J. Mr. Niles heard, quite usually, so he says, that they had some good cows. He wanted one for the summer, and sent to them for one. At the end of the summer he sent it back with the check. But Mr. Niles was not so grateful for the way that he had managed her affairs at the bank, sent the check back, so he says. In her affidavit Mme. Porret states that no check was sent to Mr. Niles, but that she had sent the cow. The proceedings before Justice Duffy evidence that the cow was not sent, but that she was in the other cow which she sent to Mr. Niles while he was spending his summers at Madison. No one can imagine that she was not sent, but that she was anything else is first class. But if the evidence on which the Grand Jury indicted Mr. Niles proves anything, it proves that his character for veracity is very far from being first class.

ACQUAINTED WITH THE HUSBAND.

This letter shows that Mr. Niles had dealings with Carrard, Madame's husband, as well as with her:—

TRADERSMAN'S NATIONAL BANK,
231 BROADWAY, N. Y.
NATHANIEL NILES, President.
OLIVER F. HENRY, Cashier.
June 25, 1893.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter with check for \$700 is received. Please send me the name of the person for whom you wish me to do with the money. With respect,
NATHANIEL NILES.

To Mr. CARRARD, Flemington, N. J.

MANY MENTIONS.

This letter which follows indicates that he was in the habit of holding conversations with her at the bank. The number of these letters—space is too valuable to print them all—show that these meetings were quite frequent. And from them Mr. Niles gathered here for the first time for any of them may have learned something of what manner of woman Mme. Porret was:—

TRADERSMAN'S NATIONAL BANK,
231 BROADWAY, N. Y.
NATHANIEL NILES, President.
OLIVER F. HENRY, Cashier.
July 1893.

DEAR MADAM:—Kindly call at the bank to-morrow (Saturday) morning, and oblige your friend,
NATHANIEL NILES.

The following letter shows to what extent President Niles was managing Mme. Porret's business affairs for her:—

TRADERSMAN'S NATIONAL BANK,
231 BROADWAY, N. Y.
NATHANIEL NILES, President.
OLIVER F. HENRY, Cashier.
July 1893.

DEAR MADAM:—Margaret Siemmer has not paid note due July 15. What is the number in Elizabeth's book place 1 in last, faithfully yours,
NATHANIEL NILES.

Mme. Porret had several questionable houses in various parts of the city, and the place which Mr. Niles inquired here for the above letter is alleged to have been one of them.

QUITE INTIMATE.

In the succeeding letter the individual referred to as "Fred" is Frederick Carrard, whom Mme. Porret has sworn is her husband. It would seem from this that the truly good Mr. Niles, who had no other relations with Mme. Porret, came as president of the bank, had become pretty well acquainted with her when he would refer to her husband in this familiar way.

TRADERSMAN'S NATIONAL BANK,
231 BROADWAY, N. Y.
NATHANIEL NILES, President.
OLIVER F. HENRY, Cashier.
July 25, 1893.

Mrs. E. PORRET:—
DEAR MADAM:—I cannot discount the Broadway notes. The Broadway notes are drawn to my order, and I do not wish to be disappointed. You can collect them through the bank. It will be better to use the two Siemmer notes, \$1000 each, and give me new note \$1000 note. Please endorse the two Siemmer notes and return to me, and let Fred sign the note for \$1000, and you in doing so return it to me instead of the \$1000 note sent you. Faithfully yours,
NATHANIEL NILES.

A DEAD GIVE AWAY.

The first sheet of the follow letter is missing, but what there is left of it is "mighty interesting reading." To use a slang expression, it is a "dead give away" sort of a letter. It gives away lots of things. Among others, it shows that Mr. Niles' pretensions that his relations with Mme. Porret were simply those of a bank president. It was probably written some time in July or August 1893:—

TRADERSMAN'S NATIONAL BANK,
231 BROADWAY, N. Y.
NATHANIEL NILES, President.
OLIVER F. HENRY, Cashier.
July 25, 1893.

THE EPIQUE SORT
THROUGH Mr. Andrew
see to it that
they will see way
soon about this
cause. I have
every confidence
they will
do so, and I
shall continue
to urge their
action. The

rent of \$1,450 has
been paid to
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This letter which follows simply clinches the evidence against Nathaniel Niles, bank president and pillar of the Church and ornament of society:—

Yours and my except the \$1000 note, and the other Commissioners will be there September 3, and to Mr. Woodman will then be absent the prospect is good. O'Brien has several neighbors to help him, and attended yesterday at the Board. I have heard nothing of the \$500 interest of the \$1000 note, on what day was the interest due?

I go away for a few days' vacation. I think O'Brien will now be successful. It is very hard to N. NILES.

With respect,
The above note to Mme. Porret was written on

"Now, a word about this orchestra. It will num

Although Brannigan knew his boat was leaking on Saturday night he did not think there was an immediate danger and retired to rest. The boat capsized suddenly, but Brannigan awoke and managed to get out of the cabin and swim ashore.

The Excise Board
through Mr. Auden
say to me that
they will very
soon grant the
license. I have
every confidence
that they will
do so, and I
shall continue
to urge their
action. The
rent of 45447
Bayard St. has
been paid to
some one. I shall
not send therefor
it here after unless
requested so to do
do With respect
W. Viles
he beautiful Cow has
not come in.